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# SET APART

## How to Love Impossible People

1 Samuel 18:6-16

### Act for God

- 1) Honor them because of God's work.
- 2) Evaluate our actions according to God's word.
- 3) Repent of our sin.

### Prepare to Persevere

- 1) Establish wise boundaries.
- 2) Rely on other relationships.
- 3) Enjoy what is good.

Matthew 5:43-44 ... " "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,"

# Memory Verses

**2 Timothy 2:21** ... *"Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work."*

**1 Peter 2:9–12** ... *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."*

## Scripture to Pray

**Psalms 138:7–8** ... *"Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands."*

## Live the Word

- 1) In what ways are my actions toward the impossible people in my life guided by my emotions and reason? In what ways are they guided by God's word?
- 2) Are there any boundaries you need to establish in your relationships to protect yourself? What are they and who can help you wisely put them in place?